

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22 & April 23, 2017

Welcome to worship. On this second Sunday of Easter, we hear how doubt and belief are woven into faith for the disciples – and for us. Please introduce yourself to **Pastor Allison** and **Pastor Akers**, and complete the information in the Rite of Fellowship pad located on the pew. Large print services and assistive listening devices are available from the ushers or at the Welcome Center. For Pastoral Care please call **Pastor Allison** or **Pastor Akers** at the church or at home.



A Sitting Room [in the east wing] and a Nursery [in the west wing] are available for infants through age three during each worship service. If little ones become restless during the service and are disturbing other worshipers, please take them out of the service until they have settled down. Thank you! “The Lutheran Hour” can be heard every Sunday at 8:00 AM on WIOU 1350 AM, sponsored by Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer.

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SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: 5:30 PM
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 & 10:45 AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 10:45 AM [1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS]
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS: 9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

	SAT. 5:30	SUN. 8:15	SUN. 10:45
Preacher	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison	Pastor Allison
Liturgist	Pastor Allison	Pastor Akers	Pastor Akers
Organist	Beth Kuhlman	Florence Moeller	Florence Moeller
Acolytes	Kelsey T	Selia D Abby B	Luke L
Sanctuary Stewards			Anna Gaunt Susie Yeakley

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE - MUSIC

Maundy Thursday - 253 / Good Friday - 301

Easter Saturday-5:30 PM - 112 / Easter Sunday - 8:15 AM -214 / Sunday-10:45 AM - 282 = 608

Bells - Prelude & Anthem / Offertory - “Ode to Joy” / Postlude - “Jesus Lives, the Victory is Won”

ALTAR FLOWERS

Two families are placing flowers on the altar this weekend. **Henry & Amy Shrack** in loving memory of Amy’s sister, **Pat Waddle**, on her **April 23rd** birthday and to thank God for His many blessings. Also by **Jonathan & Breanna Guse** in celebration of the birth and healing of son, **Timothy**.

THANKS FOR YOUR LOVE!

Don Richardson and Robyn Chesser wish to thank their Christian family for the outpouring of love, prayers and support, they received at the passing of their loved one, Pam Richardson. Donna & Gary DeWitt also extend their heartfelt thanks for the prayers, love, cards and other acts of Christian love at the death of Donna’s father, Don Kesler.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING, STRENGTH, PEACE AND COMFORT

We remember **Joan Peterson, Robert Molkentine, Ralph Grotrian, Jayne Frey, Ruth Luecke, Nancy Jones, Betty Pohlman, Imogene Canan, Heather Hartman, Nancy Philips, Kori Wood, Delia Overia, and Robert Braswell.**

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY, PRAYERS AND LOVE

Our Christian sympathy, prayers and love go to **Mark & Suzanne Dunkin** and family at the death of Mark's father, **Dick Dunkin** on April 19, 2017.

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK - BILL SPOON

This week we are honoring **Bill Spoon** as our shut-in of the week.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES STARTING TODAY - APRIL 23rd (9:30 AM)

→ → → → ADULT INFORMATION CLASS/GODCONNECTS ← ← ← ←

Beginning **Sunday, April 23rd [today]**, at **9:30 AM**, we are forming a new adult membership class featuring a new video-based curriculum called **GodConnects** developed by Lutheran Hour Ministries. This course will teach the foundations of the Christian faith for the person who has never heard it, or for anyone who wants to review it. Attendance at the class may lead to membership in our church, but there are no obligations. If you know someone who may be interested in attending, please consider inviting him or her.

This new class will be team taught by **Pastor Allison** and **Pastor Akers**. We will meet in the **Adult Education Room**.

→ → → → WORLD RELIGIONS - MISSION HALL ← ← ← ←

Beginning **Sunday, April 23rd [today]**, **Jonathan Guse** and **Joshua Mugg** will be teaching a class on world religions. They will discuss: **Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Naturalism, Mormonism, and Jehovah's Witness**, focusing on how they answer the big questions of life (why are we here? what happens when we die? how should we act?). They will also discuss how to evangelize people of other faiths. This class meets in **Mission Hall**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Preschool - 4th Grade: On the first Easter, Mary Magdalene and His disciples discover "The Empty Tomb" (John 20:1-18). In Sunday School today, the children learned how Jesus comes to us in His Word, so that the Spirit gives us faith to believe in Christ's resurrection and comforts us when we mourn the death of loved ones. You might discuss, "**How did Jesus' followers react when they discovered the empty tomb? How can we share the message of the resurrection?**"

Preschool and Kindergarten students meet in the **RLS kindergarten classroom**, and **1st-4th grade** students meet in the **RLS 4th grade classroom**.

5th grade - 7th grade: Today the students will be discussing Galatians 1:10 - "Who I Am Not", using the curriculum, "God's Big Story". These students meet in the **RLS 5th/6th grade classroom**.

8th grade confirmation: Eighth graders continue to prepare for Confirmation, meeting in the **7th/8th grade RLS classroom**.

High School: The students look at and discuss James 3:13-18 today in the **Youth Room**.
JOIN US!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

The **Tuesday Morning** group will switch to their summer hours [**begins at 7:00 AM**], starting **May 2, 2017**. The **LLL Men's Network** developed three excellent video based Bible studies devoted to the life of **Martin Luther**. This would be a good time to join us, since we are currently in the first study. Contact **Wally Fahling** if you have any questions.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

In the past, some have requested that we provide a second Bible class that meets later in the day. If you have any interest, please contact **Wess Mechler**.

LWML WIDOW'S MITE 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION - WEEKEND OF APRIL 29 & 30!

The weekend of **April 29 & 30** is our next **5th Sunday** loose change collection. All loose change in the offering plates will be donated to the **LWML** as mites to fund current missions. So, check your pockets and purses and add those coins to the offering plate. [This does not take the place of the ongoing contributions placed in the new Mite Box in the Narthex.]

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS - THIS TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class meets this Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00 AM in Mission Hall. Pastor Allison and the ladies are continuing their study on The Book of Acts.

KOKOMO ZONE LWML SPRING FELLOWSHIP

Kokomo Zone LWML Spring Fellowship will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at Grace Lutheran Church, 610 N. Reserve, Muncie, IN 47303. Guest speaker will be **Becky Thibodeau**, Chairman, Indiana District LWML. Her topic is Heart 2 Heart. Registration will be from 2:00 - 2:30 PM, with a light meal provided before the journey home. For more information, please contact **Caroline Howard**.

APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Due to Easter being on the third Sunday of the month, the Board of Deacons have decided to have a contemporary service on the fifth Sunday of this month, April 30th, at the 10:45 am service.

BUDDY BAG PACKING

Buddy Bag packing for Kokomo Urban Outreach is **this Monday, April 24, 2017, beginning at 5:30 PM**. We pack Buddy Bags for Elwood Haynes, Pettit Park, Darrough Chapel and Sycamore Elementary We are usually done in under an hour. The location is 720 N. Webster St. For more information contact **Cindy Sewell**.

LADIES OF OUR REDEEMER

You are cordially invited to Good Shepherd's annual Ladies Fellowship/Salad Supper Wednesday, **May 10, 2017**. John Bahler, solo guitarist, will entertain us with bluegrass, country and religious music/song. Please bring a salad (tableware and drinks provided), your appetite, and join your Good Shepherd sisters for the evening of fellowship and entertainment. The supper is scheduled for 6:00 pm with entertainment to follow. Please **RSVP to the church (457-4968) by Monday, May 8**.

YOUTH CENTRAL

GROUNDS- HS YOUTH GROUP

Join us tonight [Sunday] for a time of study, fellowship, and prayer! We meet from 6:30-8:30 pm!

Hope to see you there! Here's our schedule through May!

- Sunday, April 30th - 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sunday, May 7th - 6:30-8:30 pm
- Sunday, May 14th - No Pathways - Happy Mother's Day!
- Sunday, May 21st - 6:30-8:30 pm - 8th Graders Welcome!
- Sunday, May 28th - No Pathways - Happy Memorial Day!

PATHWAYS -MS YOUTH GROUPS

A change is HERE! We've been talking about it for a while, but we're going to give it a try - Pathways will now meet **WEEKLY on Sundays from 4-6 pm starting this weekend!** Here's the schedule at a glance through May:

- Friday, April 28th - 6:30-9:30 pm - Fun Friday!
- Sunday, April 30th - 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, May 7th - 4:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, May 14th - No Pathways - Happy Mother's Day!
- Sunday, May 21st - 4:00-6:00 pm - 5th Graders Welcome!
- Friday, May 26th - 6:30-9:30 pm - Fun Friday!
- Sunday, May 28th - No Pathways - Happy Memorial Day!

If you have any questions about any student ministry activities, please see Jonathan Guse.

☺ **Sunday morning worship starts Saturday night.** Children need to hear their parents say to friends or baby sitters, "No, we won't be too late; we have church tomorrow." Try waking up your children next Sunday by playing Jesus music. It's a little harder to get short-tempered when "Sing Alleluia" lingers in the air.

RLS SPRING



Saturday, May 6, 2017 / 8 AM - 2 PM

Fellowship Hall / Gym

Proceeds benefit RLS 6 & 7 grade class trip

Clothing, Books, Household Items

And much more

**ONE PERSON'S JUNK,
IS ANOTHER PERSON'S TREASURE.**

BREATHE BY RLS PRINCIPAL RUTH LAVRENZ

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!"

Psalm 150:6

RLS RUMMAGE SALE/BAKE SALE EVENT

MAY 6, 2017 / 8 - 2

Are you ready to purchase a new "complete" set of china but do not know what to do with the old? Has your crafting "cupboard" become a crafting "room" of unfinished projects? Did you notice that you have 4 hammers, 3 pliers and 10 standard screw drivers stuffed into one drawer? Redeemer Lutheran School's 6 & 7 Grade Classes will rescue you. We will be hosting a Rummage Sale and Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Donations of gently used and clean items are now being accepted in the Fellowship Hall. We will have students available to help you unload your items.

SET-UP HELP NEEDED FOR RLS RUMMAGE SALE

On Friday, May 5, 2017, beginning at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall, help is requested for setting up for Saturday's sale. Putting up tables, and pulling items from the stage area will be especially appreciated. If anyone has some time to spare that day, please contact Lynn Cleaver. Thank you.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

2017 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Friday, May 12th at Redeemer Lutheran School

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 FOR THE SILENT AUCTION!

Bid on student art work, experiences with your favorite teachers, and baked goods!

VISIT THE ART GALLERY!

We will be selling ice cream and popcorn to enjoy while you browse through artwork by all students!

PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AT 7:00!

Join us in the sanctuary for singing, poetry and instrumental music!

LIVE AUCTION!

Come bid on front row seating to all RLS events, VIP parking, lunch with the principal, and much more!

MISSION POSSIBLE XII PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

Mission Possible XII is July 2 - 8. Prayer Partners are needed for all the MP XII participants. If you can write 3 notes and pray daily for someone, you can be a Prayer Partner. We are looking for young and old, male and female. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center. You can also contact Karen Jewell with your questions and your interest.

Anyone having high school or college graduation information is asked to please contact Bev Behrs. Please give the graduate's name, high school or college, graduation date and degree if applicable. Contact Bev at the Church Office, 453-0969; facebook, email: bsbehrs@redeemerkokomo.org, or the Rite of Fellowship pad in church pews. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

1 Peter 1:3-4 "He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is

imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you." We have an inheritance waiting for us – a treasure gathered where moth and rust do not destroy. That should change our perspective on the treasures of this earth. They are fleeting, they come and go. But we can use the treasures of this earth for the work of the Kingdom that will not fade away.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

DATE	TIME	TITLE / EVENT	LOCATION
Sat.	9:00 AM	Transforming Church Network	Fellowship Hall
	12:00 PM	Member Function	Mission Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:15 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	9:30 AM	Bible Classes / Sunday School / Confirmation	Various Rooms
	10:45 AM	Traditional Communion	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	Member Function	Fellowship Hall
	4:00 PM	Pathways	Youth Room
	6:30 PM	Grounds	Youth Room
Mon.	9:00 AM	Room Occupied	Mission Hall
	1:00 PM	Hands of Love	Turner's Home
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	Quilting Class	Mission Hall
Tues.	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Mission Hall
	10:00 AM	Ladies' Bible Class	Mission Hall
	5:45 PM	Bell Choir	Choir Room
	6:00 PM	Cub – Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir	Choir Room
Wed.	8:45 AM	RLS Chapel	Sanctuary
Thurs.	9:30 AM	Quilting	Choir Room
	9:30 AM	Ladies' Koinonia	Mission Hall
	6:30 PM	Cardio Drumming	Fellowship Hall
Fri.	6:30 PM	Pathways	Youth Room / Fellowship Hall
Sat.	10:00 AM	RLS Track	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary

SIMPLY GIVING - A WAY TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY!

Visit the church web site at www.lcorkokomo.org and select the **On-line Giving** link in the left column to set up your account. Once set up, you can also use a smart phone and the QR code image here to go directly to the giving page.



STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

John 20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." Jesus is not only risen from the dead and the Victor over sin: He even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTINGTON, IN

Portraits of Christ in the Book of Revelation - Saturday, May 13, 2017

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, you are invited to St. Peter Lutheran Church, Huntington, for a special presentation by Dr. Charles Gieschen (to be held in the Education Building, with entrances off of John or Polk Street). This time of studying the Scriptures with Dr. Gieschen will examine the various portrayals of Christ in the book of Revelation in order to appreciate how they teach about who Jesus is and what He has done, is doing, and will do on the final day. The significance of these portrayals of Christ as the Glorious Man and the Slaughtered Lamb for the seven congregations as well as the church today will be discussed.

Dr. Gieschen serves as Academic Dean and Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He has done extensive study and teaching on this topic for over 30 years and has written both scholarly and devotional articles related to the book of Revelation.

Schedule

8:30 am - 9:00 am - Coffee/Doughnuts

9:00 am - 12 noon - Presentation by Dr. Gieschen

RSVPs are not required, but are appreciated. Please RSVP to 260-356-6528, or to spelcsecretary@gmail.com no later than May 7. There is no cost, but a free-will offering will be collected to help defray costs.
